



THE ACADEMY OF
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SUCCESS FOR ALL

RESPECT - AMBITION - PRIDE - HAPPINESS - PEACE & RECONCILIATION

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The All Saints Multi Academy Trust is jointly sponsored by both the Diocese and Archdiocese of Liverpool and is inspired by the ecumenical vision of Bishops' Sheppard and Warlock that we are 'stronger and better and together' placing partnership working at the heart of what we do!

Community is at the heart of our family of schools, and we are proud to work closely in partnership with the communities that we serve.

Each of our schools are unique and have their own identity which are underpinned by the Christian values of the All Saints Multi Academy Trust. We work together to ensure that our academies are places where academic success is achieved, belief is inspired and opportunities are created.

Mostly importantly are schools are safe and happy places where children can learn and thrive!

Heather Duggan
CEO / Executive Headteacher



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Welcome

Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi

Our Academy prides itself on the mission statement of 'Success For All', we are a diverse learning community that enables all our individuals to achieve. We are a truly inclusive Academy where every member is of great value. We learn together in our Christian community and our students follow a personalised pathway leading to them achieving their true maximum potential.

At The Academy of St Francis of Assisi, we encourage all our students to achieve success, to be self-motivated and to aim high to fulfil their dreams for a rewarding future career. Our aim is to ensure that all our students are well educated, confident, respectful, caring, hardworking and aspirational.

In order that we reflect our mission, the core ethos of our community is based on our values, which provide hope for all.

In addition to these values, we also take great pride in our environmental specialism, which offers a wide range of learning opportunities for our students and staff, as we strive to preserve and respect the earth's resources in order to secure sustainable living well into the future.

Ensuring that we are true to our values and living them out each day, is a basic expectation for every member of our community. Our values and our specialism are key to creating a safe, future proof learning environment where both our staff and students thrive, flourish and enjoy their learning.

Finally, as you can probably sense, I am immensely proud of The Academy of St Francis of Assisi. It is my passion and I believe in this community whole heartedly. I am deeply committed to ensuring that every child leaves us at the end of his or her Academy life with the brightest of futures and the happiest of memories. I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and I look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Ms Jo Leech
Headteacher



Our Vision

Success for all

Our Mission

A diverse learning community, that enables individuals to achieve.

Our Values

Respect, Ambition
Pride, Happiness, Peace
& Reconciliation

Leaders' strong vision of 'no child left behind' is brought to life in this diverse community where all pupils feel welcome and able to achieve their goals.

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At the Academy our teaching staff share a passion to raise achievement and have a clear understanding of how to develop students' learning.

This is reflected in a diverse but structured curriculum which is adapted to suit each student's needs. Our students choose their curriculum pathways at the end of Year 9 from a full complement of GCSEs, BTECs and Cambridge Nationals.

All of our students have the opportunity to study for the English Baccalaureate, giving them access to our exciting new Sixth Form facility and then on to the very best universities or world of work.

Homework

Homework is an essential part of any student's progression and teaches important skills related to future employability.

These include: organisation, meeting deadlines, independent action and developing resourcefulness.

Each student will receive a homework timetable and homework should also be recorded in a personal knowledge organiser.



Teachers have high expectations for the depth and complexity of pupils' learning. This is complemented with a consistent focus on helping pupils to overcome any personal barriers that may prevent them from accessing the demanding tasks that are set. This has been instrumental in enabling pupils to make strong progress.

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The Academy offers the very best learning resources for the students in our care. We are very proud of our state-of-the-art facilities. Classrooms are bright, modern and well equipped to provide a stimulating learning environment for our students. Our ICT facilities include a Virtual Learning Environment through which all of our students can access their learning from home. The Academy also benefits from a modern, spacious sports hall, high specification technology rooms and fully equipped science laboratories.

The Academy of St Francis of Assisi is a learning resource like no other and comprises:

- A solar atrium
- Rain water collection
- Year 7 gardens
- A weather station
- Roof gardens

The building allows students to learn about the world around them in a way that cannot be matched anywhere in the UK.



Key Stage 3

At Key Stage 3 all students study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education
- Computing
- Art
- Design Technology
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Spanish or French
- Drama

Key Stage 4

There are some subjects that all students must study. These are:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Religious Education
- Physical Education

Students will be able to choose 3 additional subjects from a wide variety of traditional and vocational subjects including:

- Art & Design
- Business Studies
- Childcare
- Computing / Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Engineering
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Music
- Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Spanish
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education / Health & Fitness
- Sports Science

Curriculum For Life

All students at the academy will participate in Curriculum For Life each morning with their form which supports the development of their character with the aim of them becoming happy, healthy adults who go on to contribute positively to society throughout their lives. Examples of topics include resilience, debating, body language, careers, compassion, scholarship, all delivered under the banner of our Christian Values. Students will develop these skills during form time in our Curriculum For Life



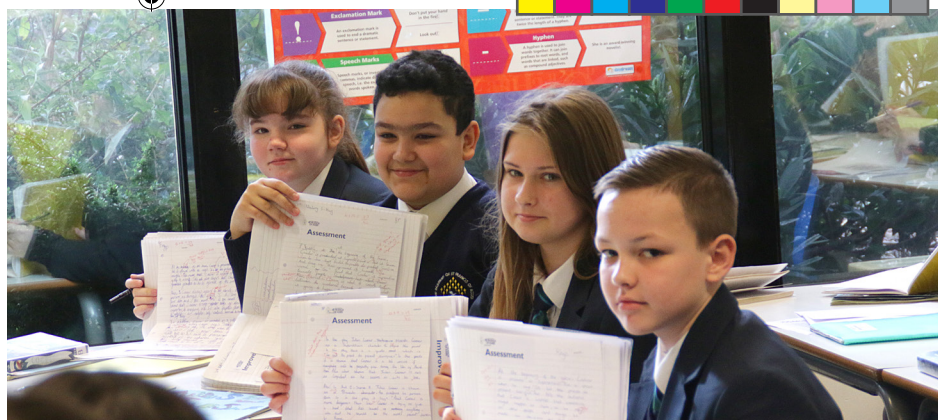
Experience excellent teaching and learning.

Achievement and learning is at the centre of all we do at the Academy. Our staff understand that it is their duty to develop our students, not just educationally but socially, morally and spiritually and that is why they care for each young person they meet on a day to day basis.

We have the highest expectations of our students in regards to their progress and aspirations. They are the future of this community and the staff are dedicated to preparing students for this challenge. We are committed to making learning a positive and engaging experience and ensure this by tailoring it to the needs of each and every child.

All our staff help and support international new arrivals to acquire the language skills needed to settle into the Academy and into life in the UK. However, we also work with those who have been here longer but still need to develop more accurate and academic English to succeed in all their subjects. The overall percentage of bilingual students is above 50%. The main languages spoken at the Academy are English, Polish, Arabic, Urdu, Czech, Slovak, Romanian and Portuguese.

The Academy provides a safe, welcoming environment where all students are valued and appreciated.



What our students say

"I feel cared for and enjoy being part of our Academy community."

"The Academy of St Francis of Assisi makes me feel safe. I like to study so that I can achieve great results. I want to get a good job when I leave."

"I enjoy coming to school to learn about new things, It has a friendly atmosphere and I have good relationships with my teachers."

"Being a part of the Hero journey has helped me to build my

a suitable role-model and support people outside of the school community as well as inside the school community."

Extracurricular activities

Table Tennis

Drama Club

Netball

Basketball

Football

Trampoline

Board Games Club

STEM Club

Samba Band

Debate Mate

Homework Club

Vocalize Choir

The curriculum is broad and balanced. It is tailored to meet pupils' diverse needs. The formal curriculum is augmented by a vibrant range of extra-curricular opportunities that provide pupils with valuable opportunities for enrichment.

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Our Chaplaincy

Our distinct Christian ethos underpins every aspect of life at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi. It is an ethos which is felt, lived and experienced by all.

The everyday life of our Academy is firmly rooted in our four unique values, based on the Gospel message which provides hope for all.

Students and staff put these values of Respect, Peace and Reconciliation, Care and Compassion into action on a daily basis – in their words, attitudes and actions as well as in the classroom, corridor and community.

The Academy of St Francis of Assisi has helped me believe that the sky is the limit.

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Collective worship is at the heart of daily life in the Academy. Students engage in daily acts of worship and prayer, in form time and during year group assemblies. Our beautiful chapel offers students and staff the opportunity to take time out for a moment of reflection, prayer and quiet time.

Our Chaplain leads whole school collective worship, works ecumenically with local churches and other faith groups and enhances the spiritual, moral, cultural and social development of all through retreats, choir and a variety of events throughout the liturgical year.

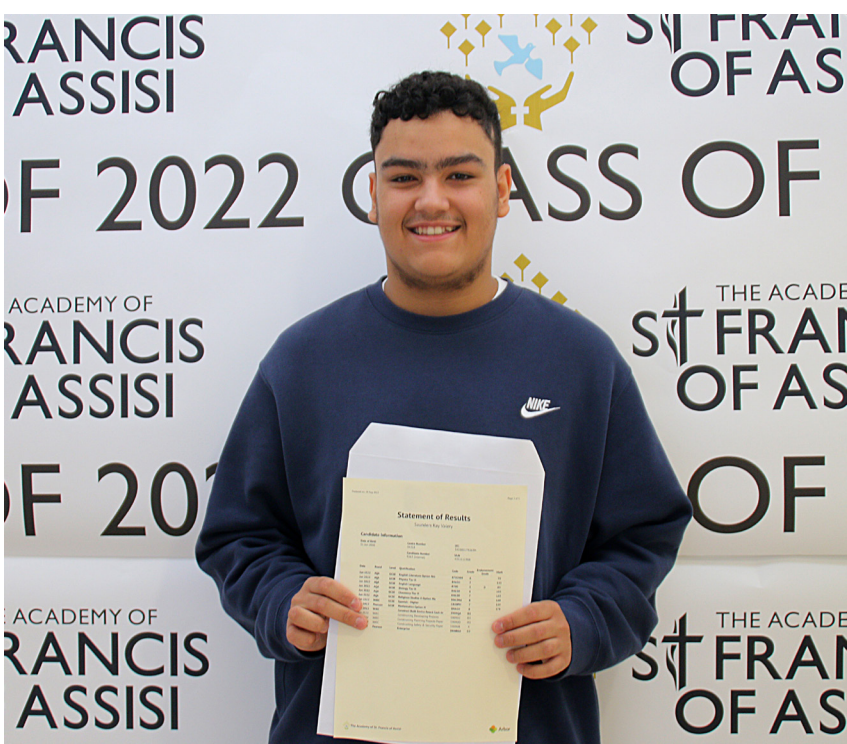
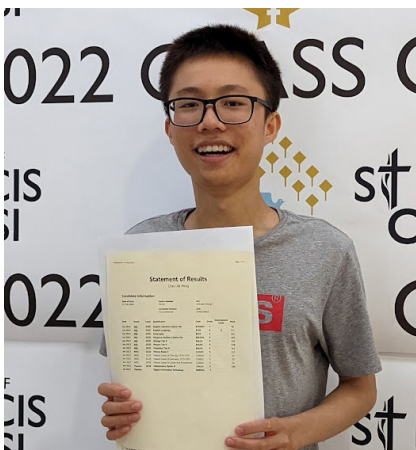
The Chaplain supports and nurtures our Chaplaincy Team. Collaboratively they raise awareness of current global, national and local issues by campaigning and supporting a range of charities.



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- Our academy has seen an improvement in all measures of attainment once again as the academy continues to improve year on year.
- Students are continuing to excel, leading to places in high performing post 16 provision.
- Students studying creative and vocational subjects have achieved results above the national average for both attainment and progress.



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All Saints Sixth Form College

A joint faith college for the community and cornerstone in post 16 provision

The all new All Saints Sixth Form College is a collaboration between The Academy of St Nicholas and The Academy of St Francis of Assisi, as part of The All Saints Multi Academy Trust.

The dedicated Sixth Form College is an innovative hub for post-16 education, offering young people from all faiths high quality careers advice, UCAS guidance and pastoral support.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in the prestigious University Scholar's Programme (USP) with Trust bursaries available to high attaining students to support them through university. The dedicated Scholar's initiative will also support applications to Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group Universities and higher level apprenticeship programmes.

Once again, there have been huge successes across A-Level and Vocational subjects which is reflective of continued improvement and success At All Saints Sixth Form College which serves students from both schools across the Trust. Particular success was seen in Art, Computer Science, History and English Language and Literature. Overall 68% of our students achieved grades at A* - C. Students studying Vocational Qualifications achieved 100% pass rate with 46% of all entries achieving Distinction or Distinction* Grades. All of our students who wanted to go to university have secured their places and 26% of them secured places to study at Russell Group universities.

At All Saints Sixth Form College we realise that every student is different. Everybody has their own talents and interests. As a College our purpose is to ensure that all our students discover, explore and reach their full potential.

Winners of a national careers award, we are committed to developing a strong community, supported by education and business links which will enable students to prosper in the competitive world of work and achieve their aspirations. Each student will be valued as an individual. At All Saints we want all students to experience success academically and personally.

If you would like to visit All Saints Sixth Form College please contact Jacqui Lawson on 0151 230 2570 ext: 412 or enquiries@allsaintssixthformcollege.org.uk to arrange a visit.



"I came back to sixth form here because I got an A in my GCSE and I know I can get an A in my A level. This is because of the one to one support I get."

Year 13 student Liam



"The all new, innovative Sixth Form College will focus on quality post-16 education in a caring and nurturing environment."



Admissions

Applications for All Years

All applications will be considered in line with the coordinated admissions scheme for the Liverpool Local Authority and our academy's Admissions Policy which is available on our website.

Applications for a place at
The Academy of St Francis of Assisi

A) Parents whose children are currently in Year 6

Parents who wish to secure a place at the academy are encouraged to do so as early as possible (from September of Year 6)

Parents need to:

Apply online via www.liverpool.gov.uk

and

Complete a Supplementary Form available from the academy and return it to the academy either by post or email.

B) Parents whose children are already registered at a Liverpool school.

Parents applying for a local school to school transfer to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi must contact their child's existing secondary school to discuss the proposed in year transfer application in detail.

All the necessary background information requested on the Liverpool Local Authority in year application form must be provided in order for the application to be considered for a permanent place at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

The form must be signed by parents/carers and the existing school before being sent to the Local Authority by the current school.

The Local Authority will inform you of the outcome of your application. This process can take up to 20 school days.

C) Parents who have recently moved home or are intending to move home within the city where transport to their child's existing school is no longer practical.

Parents applying for an in year transfer in these circumstances must contact Liverpool Local Authority on 0151 233 3006 to ensure that they receive appropriate guidance.

D) New residents to the city whose children are not currently registered at a Liverpool school.

Parents applying for an in year transfer in these circumstances must contact Liverpool Local Authority on 0151 233 3006 to ensure that they receive appropriate guidance.



E) Neighbouring Local Authority residents (e.g. Sefton and Knowsley)

Neighbouring Local Authority residents who have not moved home and wish to transfer to The Academy of St Francis of Assisi must comply with the Liverpool Local Authority in year transfer arrangements, i.e. an application submitted in conjunction with their existing school.

All the necessary background information requested on the Liverpool Local Authority in year application form must be provided in order for the application to be considered as valid for a permanent place at The Academy of St Francis of Assisi.

School of Sanctuary Award June 2022



All staff are committed to the school's moral purpose. Leaders have created a multicultural and inclusive school in which every pupil really does matter.

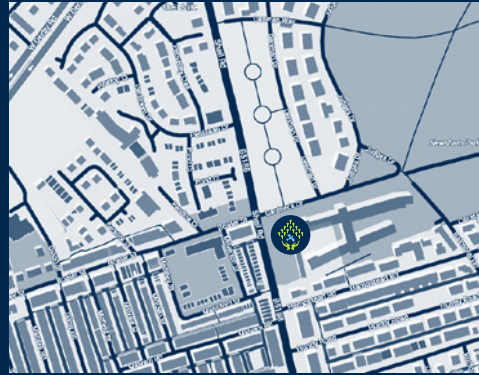
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